

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA

ATLANTA DIVISION

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CITY OF POMPANO BEACH	:	Civil Action No. 1:09-cv-01811-JOF
GENERAL EMPLOYEES'	:	
RETIREMENT SYSTEM, Individually	:	<u>CLASS ACTION</u>
and on Behalf of All Others Similarly	:	
Situated,	:	
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Plaintiff,	:	
	:	
vs.	:	STIPULATION AND PROPOSED
	:	BRIEFING SCHEDULING ORDER
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SYNOVUS FINANCIAL CORP.,	:	
RICHARD E. ANTHONY,	:	
FREDERICK L. GREEN, III,	:	
THOMAS J. PRESCOTT, and MARK	:	
G. HOLLADAY,	:	
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Defendants.	:	
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IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED, subject to approval by the Court, by and between undersigned counsel for Plaintiff City Of Pompano Beach General Employees' Retirement System ("Plaintiff") and Defendants Synovus Financial Corp., Richard E. Anthony, Frederick L. Green, III, Thomas J. Prescott, and Mark G. Holladay (collectively, the "Synovus Defendants"), as follows:

1. This is a putative securities class action brought against the Synovus Defendants for alleged violations of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Complaint”);

2. The Synovus Defendants have agreed to accept service of the Complaint and hereby affirmatively preserve all defenses and objections thereto;

3. This action is governed by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act (“PSLRA”), which requires the Court to appoint a lead plaintiff and approve lead plaintiff’s selection of lead counsel;

4. In the event there are no competing motions for appointment of lead plaintiff, in the interest of time and efficiency, the parties agree to contact the Court for entry of an Order appointing lead plaintiff and approving lead plaintiff’s selection of lead counsel;

5. Upon entry of an Order appointing lead plaintiff and approving lead plaintiff’s selection of lead counsel (“Lead Plaintiff Order”), lead plaintiff shall have 45 days from the date of the Lead Plaintiff Order within which to file and serve a Consolidated Complaint;

6. The Synovus Defendants shall have 45 days thereafter to respond to lead plaintiff’s Consolidated Complaint;

7. In the event the Synovus Defendants move to dismiss the Consolidated Complaint, lead plaintiff shall have 45 days thereafter within which to file and serve any opposition to the Synovus Defendants' motion(s) to dismiss; and

8. The Synovus Defendants shall have 30 days thereafter within which to file and serve any reply in support of any motion(s) to dismiss;

9. All discovery-related deadlines under the Local Rules (including deadlines for conducting Rule 26(f) discovery planning conference, exchanging initial disclosures, and filing the Joint Preliminary Report and Discovery Plan) shall be stayed pending the outcome of the motion(s) to dismiss.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the parties shall comply with the above stipulated briefing schedule.

SO ORDERED, this _____ day of _____, 2009.

HONORABLE J. OWEN FORRESTER
United States District Court

DATED: August 18, 2009

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this date the foregoing Stipulation and Proposed Briefing Scheduling Order was filed electronically with the Clerk of Court and a copy of the foregoing was mailed via First Class Mail to the following:

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